



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 6, 2019

Case No. F-2018-06534

Segment: IPS-0002

Cerissa Cafasso
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Cafasso:

I refer to our letter dated June 25, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The review of potentially responsive records is ongoing and has resulted in the retrieval of seven additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be release in full, and six may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed.

The processing of your request is ongoing. We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Johnny Hillary Walker, III at (202) 252-2575 or Johnny.walker@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the civil action number, 18-cv-02579, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

RELEASE IN FULL

The art of a peace deal

Decoding Donald Trump's efforts to draw a road map for Israel and Palestine

It is more about countering Iran than making peace

Print edition | Middle East and Africa

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PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP casts himself as a master negotiator. But when he talks of trying to achieve peace between Israel and the Palestinians, he often sounds less confident. It is a “complex subject”, the “toughest deal of all”, said Mr Trump in September. Still, he rates his chances of success as “very, very good”.

A peace plan from the administration, expected in September, is now due in January. Mr Trump's son-in-law and adviser, Jared Kushner (pictured, centre), is leading the effort. He is being helped by Jason Greenblatt, the president's envoy to the Middle East; David Friedman, the ambassador to Israel; and Dina Powell, a deputy national-security adviser. The first three are orthodox Jews who do not conceal their pro-Israel sympathies.

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Initially dismissed as neophytes, the team has won over sceptics with its willingness to listen. Even the Palestinians admire their readiness to take soundings in refugee camps, not just from politicians. They find the team more genial than Barack Obama's "pen-pushers". Mr Greenblatt, the chief negotiator, has opposed unilateral moves by Israel and welcomed the Palestinian reconciliation deal

between the nationalist Fatah group (which controls the West Bank) and Hamas, an Islamist group (which holds sway in Gaza).

The administration has been tight-lipped about the details of its plan, but those who have spoken to Mr Greenblatt describe it as more of a process—"a road map without a defined road", says one Palestinian negotiator. The initial steps will probably be little more than confidence-building measures. The harder problems, such as drawing borders, returning refugees and resolving the status of Jerusalem, would be left until much later. It is not even certain that the endgame is two states, which most of the world has long demanded. Among the ideas being mooted is eventually to put Jewish settlements in the West Bank under Palestinian control. The lack of clarity is seen as a tactic aimed at keeping everyone on board.

Whatever the administration produces, Saudi Arabia is likely to support it. Mr Kushner has struck up a friendship with Muhammad bin Salman, the Saudi crown prince. Though the prince's foreign-policy record is not widely admired, he seems to have convinced Mr Kushner that he can help reshape the Middle East in ways that suit America. At Mr

Trump's behest he summoned the octogenarian Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, to Riyadh earlier this month and urged him to embrace the American plan. Mr Abbas is seen by all sides (including his own) as plodding, time-serving and compromised.

For Prince Muhammad, it seems, Palestinian aspirations to statehood are less important than countering Iran, which has extended its influence in the region. He has sought a closer relationship with Israel, which shares his dark view. There are reports that the Jewish state has shared intelligence with Saudi Arabia to help it in its war against the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen. Prince Muhammad may calculate that a viable peace process would give him political cover to make the alliance more overt.

Other Arab states also have an interest in restarting talks. Egypt under Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi has taken a more active role in the peace process and recently helped to end the feud between Hamas and Fatah. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates support Mr Sisi's aim of cutting Hamas off from Iran and Qatar. Under a deal, they would probably fund development in Palestinian areas and furnish Israel with security guarantees.

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, has long seemed reluctant to negotiate with the Palestinians. But he might prefer an open-ended process to one with clear milestones and deadlines that would pin him down. He also wants to show gratitude to Mr Trump for not pushing him as hard as Mr Obama did.

The Palestinians are also loth to alienate the Americans. But they fear being pushed into a deal that leaves Israel in military control of the West Bank. (The Israelis have already pushed for Hamas to be disarmed before the talks begin.) "Neither Netanyahu nor Abbas wants to insult the American plan, but neither has any real interest in it either," says Jon Alterman of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, a think-tank in Washington, DC.

In the region, officials rate the chances of success as very, very low. "They won't find a way to make the circle square after so many others have tried," says an Israeli diplomat. "Both sides are looking for ways to say no to Mr Trump," says a Palestinian negotiator. On this, at least, they agree.

RELEASE IN PART B5

From: Sawyer, Julie L <SawyerJL@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 3:55 PM
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Cc: Lee, Elizabeth K <LeeEK2@state.gov>
Subject: Comms Logistics for SVTC with White House: Tues, Oct. 16th at 08:00 EDT

Colleagues:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to be in touch.

Best,
 Julie

Julie Sawyer

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 P: 202-647-4580

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**Ambassador Robert Wood Johnson IV
U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James's
Consultation Schedule
As of March 13, 2019**

Contact information for Ladislav "Ladi" Beranek

Office: (202) 647-6585

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Mobile:

Email: BeranekL@state.gov

Friday, January 26, 2018

5:00 PM

Scheduling Meeting with UK Desk Officer Ladislav Beranek
HST, Room 5218

Monday, January 29, 2018

09:30 AM – 10:00 AM

EUR/WE Staff

Location: HST 5218

POC:

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin

Location: 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, in room 3330

POC: Shirley Gathers (office: 202-622-5377, cell:)

STAFF:

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

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12:30 PM – 01:00 PM

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POC:

STAFF:

01:15 PM – 02:15 PM

Lunch

Location: TBD

02:30 PM – 03:00 PM

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POC:
STAFF:

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03:00 PM – 03:30 PM [REDACTED]
POC:
STAFF:

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04:00 PM – 04:30 PM **Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross**
Location: Department of Commerce
POC:
STAFF:

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

09:00 AM – 09:30 AM **Assistant Secretary for European Affairs A. Wess Mitchell**
HST 6226
POC: Danielle Stoebe (202-647-9626)
STAFF: TBC

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen**
Location: Department of Homeland Security
POC:
STAFF:

01:30 PM – 02:00 PM **Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs
Steve Goldstein**
HST 5932
POC:
STAFF: TBC



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Harry S Truman Building (HST) 5218

2201 C St NW, Washington, DC 20520

Friday, January 26, 2018

03:00 PM – 06:00 PM

Window for Handoff of Schedule with UK desk (15 minutes)

Location: HST 5218

POC: Brett Dvorak, dvorakbp@state.gov, 202-647-6591

or Ladi Beranek, beranekl@state.gov, 202-647-6585

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POC: Benedict Wolf

STAFF:

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Location: Department of Homeland Security
POC:
STAFF:

11:00 PM – 11:20 PM

POC: Benedict Wolf
STAFF:

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12:45 PM – 02:00 PM

Lunch
with Sir Kim Darroch, UK Ambassador to the United States
Location: Ambassador's Residence
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20008
[Security guard will show car to front door]
POC: Amanda Downes
STAFF:

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03:15 PM – 03:45 PM

**Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs
Steve Goldstein**
HST 5932
POC: Courtney Preston McClain; McLainCM@state.gov
(202)647-1038
STAFF: TBC



**Ambassador Robert Wood Johnson IV
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04.00 PM – 04.20 PM	Courtesy Call with Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security Michael Evanoff HST 6316 POC: Pat Mackall, MacKallP@state.gov , (202) 647 1493 STAFF: TBC
04.30 PM – 05.00 PM	EUR/WE Staff Location: HST 5218 POC:



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Friday, January 26, 2018

03:30 PM – 04:00 PM

**UK desk and EUR/WE Office Director Rob Faucher –
schedule handoff; Documentary Overview with PA London
Jennifer Williams**

Location: HST 5218

Ladi Beranek will meet at C Street lobby.

POC: Ladi Beranek, beranekl@state.gov, 202-647-6585

Monday, January 29, 2018

10:15 AM

Meet at 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Ladi Beranek will meet.

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin

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POC: Shirley Gathers (office: 202-622-5377, cell: [REDACTED])

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: State TBC, Ladi Beranek (note-taker)

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*Enter White House compound via a gate between Treasury and
White House.*

11:30 AM – 11:55 PM

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POC: Madeleine Westerhout, Chris Applegate

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: None

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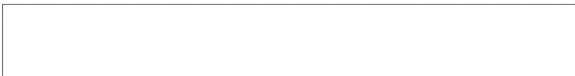
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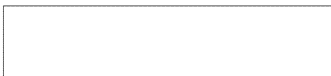
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POC: Benedict Wolf

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: State TBC, Benedict Wolf (NSC), Ladi Beranek (note-taker)

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12:30 PM – 01:00 PM



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POC: Cassidy Dumbauld (Cassidy.M.Dumbauld)



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OTHER PARTICIPANTS: A/S Wess Mitchell, Ladi Beranek (note-taker)

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

08:45

Ladi Beranek will meet in C Street lobby.

09:00 AM – 09:30 AM

Assistant Secretary for European Affairs A. Wess Mitchell
HST 6226

POC: Danielle Stoebe (202-647-9626)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: TBC

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10:30

En route to the



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11:00 PM – 11:20 PM



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POC: Benedict Wolf

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: TBC, Benedict Wolf (NSC), Ladi Beranek (note-taker)

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12:15

En route to the UK Embassy.

12:45 PM – 02:00 PM

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Steve Goldstein**

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POC: Courtney Preston McClain; McLainCM@state.gov
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OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Sharon Hudson-Dean, Wes Jeffers
(note-taker)

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04:00 PM – 04:30 PM

Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security Michael Evanoff

HST 6316

POC: Pat Mackall, MacKallP@state.gov, (202) 647 1493

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Alicia Davis (note-taker)

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04:35 PM – 05:00 PM

UK Desk/Deputy Assistant Secretary Conrad Tribble drop-by

Location: HST 5218

POC: Ladi Beranek

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